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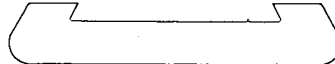
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MODIFICATION TO Y-CLASS SUBMARINE
SEVERODVINSK SHIPYARD 402, USSR

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: A NEWLY MODIFIED Y-CLASS SUBMARINE HAS BEEN ROLLED OUT OF CONSTRUCTION HALL 1 ON LAUNCH RAIL A SINCE [REDACTED]

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2. (SWN) REMARKS: A FLAT-TOPPED HULL SECTION APPROXIMATELY 30 METERS LONG WITH A BEAM OF 12 METERS HAS BEEN INSERTED AMIDSHIPS OF THE Y-CLASS SUBMARINE. ALTHOUGH THE BOW AND MUCH OF THE FORWARD HULL SECTION ARE OBSCURED BY THE CONSTRUCTION HALL, THE SAIL APPEARS TO BE UNCHANGED FROM ITS PREVIOUS CONFIGURATION. THE ADDITION OF THIS 30-METER SECTION WOULD INCREASE THE SUBMARINE'S OVERALL LENGTH TO APPROXIMATELY 140 METERS IF NO OTHER CHANGES WERE MADE. THE 30-METER LONG INSERT IS 10 METERS LONGER THAN THE MISSILE BAY REMOVED DURING DISMANTLEMENT. THE WIDTH OF THE FLAT AREA ATOP THE NEW HULL SECTION IS APPROXIMATELY TWICE AS WIDE AS THE WALKING DECK ATOP THE MISSILE BAY OF A STANDARD Y-CLASS NUCLEAR-POWERED BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE. ALTHOUGH THE FUNCTION OF THE NEWLY ADDED MIDSECTION CANNOT BE DETERMINED AT THIS TIME, IT MAY BE WEAPONS/SENSOR RELATED OR IT MAY BE REQUIRED FOR PROPER BALLASTING.

(SWN) THIS MODIFIED Y-CLASS SUBMARINE WAS THE THIRD UNIT TO BE DISMANTLED AT SEVERODVINSK. IT WAS ROLLED INTO THE CONSTRUCTION HALL BETWEEN [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 64-34-39N -039-48-29E

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